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Ontonagon Harbor, MI

Project Features

- Located about 140 miles east of Duluth, MN, on the south shore of Lake Superior, at the mouth of the Ontonagon River, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 2 Mar 1867, 23 Jun 1874, 13 Jun 1902, 2 Mar 1907, 3 Mar 1909, 26 Aug 1937, Act of 1962.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Maintained depths varying from 19 to 21 feet in the entrance and inner channels.
- 130,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2004.
- Over 4,800 feet of structures including piers and revetments.
- About 3/4 mile of maintained channel.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, Smurfit-Stone Container, and White Pine Power.



Project Needs

- Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged each year.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally in an economically depressed area.
- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$370,000 and \$770,000 annually.

Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes. Harbor provides main economic catalyst for the area.
- Commodities include coal and lignite.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, 2008 and 2009 Ontonagon Harbor, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)

Work Package	FY07 Need	FY07 Work Plan	FY08 Need	FY08 Budget	FY09 Need	FY09 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys	31	32	68	68	70	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	520	517	575	575	585	
Repair of West Pier – by Govt. Floating Plant	0	0	450	0	450	
TOTALS	551	549	1,093	643	1,145	

* FY09 President's Budget will be available in February 2008